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SUBJECT: UNIDO-IDB-XII: SENIOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
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1. WASHINGTON ;HARES RESERVATIONS ON PROPOSED REGIONAL
SIDFA'S MENTIONED IN LEARY-LAMONT LETTER. SUBSTITUTION
OF COUNTRY SIDFA'S BY REGIONAL TEAM IS TOO IMPRACTICAL,
BOTH FINANCIALLY AND SUBSTANTIVELY, SINCE COUNTRY
COVERAGE WOULD NECESSARILY SUFFER.

2. DEPARTMENT GENERALLY SHARES VIEWS EXPRESSED BY
FRG, PER PARA 2 REFTEL.
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3. RE QUESTION PARA 4 REFTEL, WE FEEL THAT ADVICE WHICH
LDC'S NEED CAN REALLY NOT BE PROVIDED BY SINGLE SIDFA.
AT BEST, WHEN COUNTRY PREPARES OWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN,
UNIDO SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO SEND TEAM OF ADVISERS
TO ASSIST IN DRAFTING INDUSTRIAL SECTOR PLAN. SUCH TEAM
NECESSARILY WOULD BE MULTIDISCIPLINARY, WITH EXACT

COMPOSITION DEPENDING UPON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS. IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT COUNTRIES

SHOULD SEEK UNIDO ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN POLICY FORMULATION. IT IS REGRETTABLE HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. ONE OF THESE MAY BE THAT UNIDO HAS NOT DEVELOPED THE IMAGE OF A COMPETENT ORGANIZATION HAVING ANALYTICAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE CAPABILITIES WHICH COMMAND THE RESPECT OF SUCH OTHER AGENCIES AS DOES THE WORLD BANK.

4. THE ROLE OF THE SIDFA COMES INTO THE PICTURE WHEN THE PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED IN THE FORM OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THEN THE SIDFA BECOMES AN IMPORTANT ADJUNCT TO THE UN RESREP, IN DEVELOPING, MONITORING AND EVALUATING INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THE SIDFA SHOULD ALSO BE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL TEAM, TO ENSURE THAT HE HAS THE BACKGROUND ON THE PURPOSES OF THE SECTOR PLAN. BUT IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT ONE SIDFA TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE A GOVERNMENT ON A WHOLE RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS, FROM PATENT LAWS TO POLLUTION, AND EVERY TECHNICAL ASPECT IN BETWEEN. WHEN SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROVIDING SIDFA'S MUST BE ON A COUNTRY BASIS, BECAUSE REGIONAL TEAMS CANNOT POSSIBLY DEVELOP THE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF COUNTRY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, NOR ESTABLISH NECESSARY WORKING RELATIONSHIP REQUIRED FOR NORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATIONS.

5. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS MISSION SHOULD TRY TO DISCOURAGE UK FROM MAKING THEIR PROPOSAL. CHRISTOPHER

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